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FROM USDEL ECLA POPULATION CONFERENCE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ECLA MEETING ON WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING TEL CONTAINS TEXT AND ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF CHARGE RE STERILIZATION OF PUERTO RICANS MADE BY CUBAN REP, MELENDEZ BACH, VICE PRESIDENT GOC ECONOMIC SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGY COORDINATING COMMISSION APRIL 16 AT ECLA-UN SPONSORED CONFERENCE ON PREPARATIONS FOR WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE NOW IN SESSION HERE.

2. DESPITE FACT THAT CHARGES PROFESSEDLY NOT BELIEVED BY MAJORITY OAS REPS AT MEETING, NEVERTHELESS, EVERPRESENT LATENT LA PREJUDICES PLUS SENSITIVITY ENTIRE POPULATION PROBLEM HAVE GIVEN CUBAN STATEMENTS A CERTAIN UNFAVORABLE IMPACT ON US POSITION HERE.

3. SO FAR US REP WARD ALLEN HAS RESPONDED TO INQUIRIES FROM PRESS AND OTHER DELS BY SAYING THAT EVERY REP HAS RIGHT TO BE WRONG, THAT CURRENT MEETING HAS MORE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS BEFOE IT THAN SQUABBLE WITH CUBA AND
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THAT US POSITION CLEARLY DEFINED IN US STATEMENT.

4. NEVERTHELESS, WPC SECRETARY GENERAL CARRILLO FLORES, ECLA EXECSEC EGLESIAS AND MEX AMB. CASTRO HAVE ALL COUNSELLED USDEL TO RESPOND AND SET RECORD STRAIGHT. FLORES HAS TWICE ASKED WHEN WE WOULD REPLY AND IGLESIAS SAYS WE SHOULD REMAIN SILENT ONLY IF CUBAN CHARGES ACCURATE. WE SET STORE BY "FEEL" WHICH THESE LA OFFICIALS HAVE OF SITUATION.

5. DEL THEREFORE REQUESTS THAT DEPT.

A) PROVIDE DEL PROMPTLY WITH ACCURATE DATA ON PROBLEM AND

B) UNLESS OTHER CONSIDERATIONS OVERRIDING, TRANSMIT THIS TEL TO PUERTO RICAN SECSTATE TO GIVE IT OPPORTUNITY IF IT WANTS TO PROVIDE DEL WITH STATEMENT WHICH WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE CONFERENCE.

6. FOREGOING WILL, OF COURSE, BE USED WITH DISCRETION AND ONLY IF WE BELIEVE SITUATION REQUIRES.

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